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During Christmas vacation he received the following letter:

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Holiness to the Lord
Brigham Young Academy
Provo, December 21, 1877

This is to certify that Brother Richard Nuttall, Normal student, is hereby appointed to labor in the interest of our institution during the Christmas vacation in Provo Valley whenever an opportunity presents itself to him. Authorities of the Church and friends of education are kindly requested to render him all possible aid in the performance of his mission.

For the Board of Directors
A. O. Smoot, President
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In December, 1878, he was called to teach school in Wallsburg, so he went before the Board of Examiners in Heber City and received his certificate.

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This is to certify that Richard Nuttall has passed an examination before the Board of Examiners of Wasatch County, Utah Territory, and is herewith recommended as capable of taking charge of a district school in this county, and this certificate to hold good till November, 1879 A. D.

He taught school two terms, which lasted from December 16, 1878, to June 25, 1879, earning \$60 for first term and \$70 for second. For the first term in the fall of 1879 he received \$81.50 for teaching 45 pupils.

School started again on January 11, 1880, but had to be discontinued because of the bad diphtheria epidemic. Tried three times to open the school, but they couldn't. About 20 deaths occurred in Wallsburg in three months. Richard helped with the sick as much as possible.

He worked in the Church also, especially in the Sunday School and YMMIA. He was rebaptized by Elder R. C. Camp and ordained an Elder in the Church by Bishop Francis Kerby and set aside as counselor in the YMMIA. He also worked with the Elders' Quorum in Provo.

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On December 4, 1880, he went to Charleston to teach, receiving \$100 for four months. Then he moved to Provo working as a carpenter in the summer and attending school in winter. Taught school at Fairfield and returned to Provo about June 1, 1883. He took two weeks of examinations at the academy and received his diploma with an average of 89 percent, standing ninth among 26 students.

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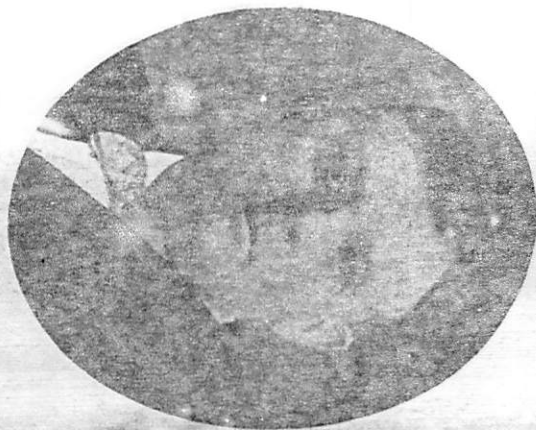
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